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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242

March 14, 1969

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Chairman, COMIREX
Committee for Sanitization & Downgrading
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of January 22 [redacted] copy attached) in which the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Topographic Division, indicated the utilization of KH-4, KH-5, [redacted] photography by the Special Projects Office (SPO) as source material for support of the National Topographic Mapping Program. Subsequent to date of this letter, discussions with the TSO, CIA, indicated that official authority had been granted to SPO for receipt, storage, and use of only KH-4 material, not KH-4, KH-5, [redacted] as indicated in letter of March 16, 1967 [redacted] which was prior to the USIB decision on April 11, 1968. Thus far USGS access to KH-5 [redacted] materials has been limited.

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Analysis of KH-5, [redacted]

The KH-5 system was designed for Mapping, Charting, and Geodesy applications, thus it is evident without comment that output from this system has application to USGS mapping programs.

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In accordance with the preceding justification, we restate our request for authority to receive, store, and use KH-5, [redacted] materials.

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On file DOI release instructions apply.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Sir:

The Geological Survey, Topographic Division began operations at its newly constructed Special Projects Office (SPO) at Reston, Virginia in December 1968. The operation which supports the National Topographic Mapping Program is now fully implemented, utilizing KH-4, KH-5, [] photography as source material. To augment current and future mapping requirements, authority is requested to receive, store, and use [] negative and positive photographic material at SPO. Also requested are technical publications outlining information pertinent to the reduction of quantitative data obtained by [] "Camera Systems."

Sincerely yours,

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Chief, Special Projects Office

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